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Local Government Groups Support PFAS Bill As it Clears Final Legislative Stage

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin Towns Association representing all levels of local government issued the following statement of support for SB 312, passed by the Assembly today:

“The League of Wisconsin Municipalities, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin Towns Association support the compromise legislation that passed the Assembly today. We would like to thank Senator Wimberger, Senator Cowles, Representative Mursau, and Representative Swearingen for working diligently on a compromise PFAS proposal. This bill provides for a municipal grant program to assist local governments with the costs of remediating and testing for PFAS. The authors have worked with multiple stakeholders and the Department of Natural Resources to develop this proposal. Over the past several months they have listened and made modifications multiple times to try to strike a balanced approach.

No compromise bill is perfect. Local governments are on the frontline and in the trenches providing safe drinking water and waste reclamation daily to residents. We will continue to take this responsibility seriously. Difficult issues require people to come together to find solutions. Local governments need the assistance provided in this bill. SB 312 will not be the only step to combat PFAS in Wisconsin, but it is an important first step. We respect the work of the authors and their desire to put forward a compromise solution and we look forward to further conversations on this important issue in future legislative sessions.”

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